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## The Elba Clipper



**ELBA YOUTH KILLED IN WRECK** . . . Fourteen-year-old Brooke Daugherty was killed last Friday in this car-truck collision on the Beaver Dam Creek bridge in Elba. In the above photo a member of the Elba Rescue Squad applies first aid to Chuck Daugherty, driver of the

car, while waiting for rescue vehicles to arrive. The driver received serious injuries in the crash, while the driver of the tractor-trailer received only minor lacerations. (See accompanying article.)

Elba girl killed instantly in  
Friday car-truck collision

The excitement of falling snow, freezing rain and an unexpected holiday from school turned suddenly into shock and deep sadness last week as a popular young student at Elba High School was killed in a traffic accident involving a car and a tractor-trailer rig.

Killed instantly in the accident, which occurred at approximately 12:18 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, was Brooke Renee Daugherty, age 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Daugherty of Elba. Chuck Daugherty, 17, brother of the victim and driver of the car involved in the accident, received serious injuries and is hospitalized in a Dothan hospital with internal injuries.

Freezing rain and snow began to fall during the morning of Friday, Feb. 5, and officials made the decision to close the schools at 12:00 (noon). According to an eye witness at the scene of the accident and police reports, Daugherty was returning home from school and crossing the Beaver Dam Creek

bridge located on Highway 84 West in Elba.

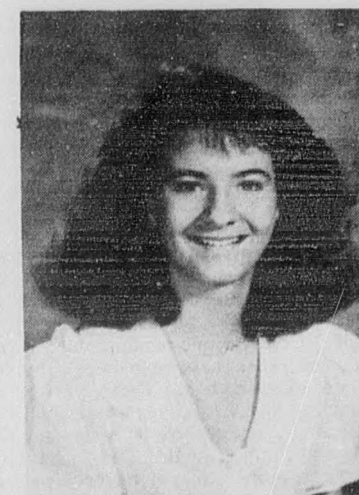
The Camaro driven by Daugherty was in the lane nearest the guardrail and as the car traveled across the four-lane bridge it apparently lost traction due to the icy conditions, and began to swerve out of control.

As the vehicle slid toward the end of the bridge it crossed the center line and into the path of oncoming traffic. The vehicle reportedly slid off the bridge and was struck by a Roadway tractor-trailer truck coming into Elba down the small incline leading to the bridge. The collision pushed both vehicles back onto the bridge and the Camaro was hit on the passenger side by the truck, crushing the side of the car and resulting in the fatal injuries to Brooke Daugherty, the only passenger in the car besides her brother.

Elba police responded quickly to the accident, as did the Elba Rescue Squad, and through the combined efforts of volunteers at the scene the victim was removed from the vehicle and transported to the Elba General Hospital as rescue workers continuously attempted to revive the young girl with CPR.

The victim was pronounced dead on arrival by an attending physician, who later stated the girl was apparently killed instantly by the crash.

The driver of the car was trapped in the wreckage and remained at the accident until rescue workers could free the young man using the "Jaws of Life." Daugherty was taken to Elba General Hospital and later



**BROOKE DAUGHERTY**

transferred to a Dothan hospital with serious internal injuries.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was identified as John Douglas Bush of Dothan, and received only minor lacerations in the accident.

Brooke Daugherty was an eighth-grade student at Elba High School and was enrolled in the advanced curriculum. She was an active member of the Elba High School Band for three years and played first clarinet with the concert band.

An honor student, Daugherty had placed two consecutive years in the American Junior High School math examination. She was also an active member of the Junior Beta Club and Chi Alpha Mu mathematics fraternity.

## Herbicide spraying to save money

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session Monday, Feb. 8, at the courthouse in Elba and heard county engineer Mark Pool state that the county would do extensive spraying of herbicide along rights-of-way during the summer, and estimated the herbicide program would cost as much as \$25,000.

Pool reported that in the past the county would have rights-of-way cut during the summer, and by the time the entire county had been cut the first areas were again in need of cutting, and then went without cutting during the winter.

While Pool admitted the cost of the program seemed high, he assured the commissioners that it would be cheaper than buying enough tractors needed to do the job. The engineer added that he plans to spray the entire county right-of-way twice during the summer and then after the program is completed cut the areas once.

Monday's bi-monthly meeting began at 9 a.m., and after the routine approval of minutes, the commission opened a number of bids on items for the county highway department.

Low bidder on galvanized posts

to be used for road signs was Vulcan Signs with a bid of \$8,580 on 600 posts, while the low bidder on the signs was Traffic Signs Inc., with a price of \$7,384.50.

The opening of the herbicide bids caused a stir among the commissioners when the low bid on three pounds of "Aust" was \$338.37 from Terra. The low bid was accepted after the engineer stated the herbicide wouldn't be used extensively and the low bidder on another type of herbicide listed as "MSMA" was \$25.62 on a two-and-a-half-gallon container from Helena Chemical.

The monthly opening of gasoline and diesel bids was also done at Monday's meeting, with Home Oil Company being low bidder on 8,300 gallons of diesel fuel with a bid of \$4,150. Cockwin Oil Company of Andalusia was low bidder on 8,300 gallons of unleaded gasoline with a bid of \$6,258.20, but receiving the contract was Heath Oil Company of Enterprise, with a bid of \$6,299.70, after the commission determined the in-county bid was within the three percent range that was allowed when awarding bids.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission: \*\*\*approved a request by the Zion Chapel Band Boosters to use the Farm Center for a country music show that will be a fund-raiser for the organization; \*\*\*agreed to pay the power company \$80 a month for moving the light poles at the fairgrounds, with the understanding the monthly fee would be for only one year;

\*\*\*heard a resident of Heritage Heights complain about the use of the streets in the subdivision by trucks servicing chicken houses located on a dirt road behind the subdivision;

\*\*\*was presented a survey of gasoline usage by all county vehicles as broken down by individual vehicle;

\*\*\*was informed that private drive signs were still blocking a road in the northeast part of the county;

\*\*\*discussed the future use of bridge repair funds in the county and approved a three-year plan presented by the county engineer;

\*\*\*endorsed the passage of Amendment 3 in the upcoming amendment election;

\*\*\*was informed that the state director of the Emergency Management Agency would speak at a public meeting on Thursday night, Feb. 11, at the Farm Center Conference room;

\*\*\*was reminded that Monday, Feb. 15, was a county holiday;

\*\*\*heard Comm. Robert Stevens report that the restoration efforts of the fountain on Courthouse Square in Elba had resulted in private donations of \$1600;

\*\*\*heard Comm. Sid Averett report that a 9½-acre site had been offered for sale to the commission at a cost of \$55,000 for the future site of a county health department;

\*\*\*updated the employee handbook;

\*\*\*heard the county engineer state that he would like to include the random drug testing of employees in the employee handbook; and

\*\*\*paid bills.

Elba Water & Electric Board  
concerned about operating  
loss in local water department

The Elba Water and Electric Board met on Tuesday night, Feb. 9, at City Hall and expressed concern over the monthly financial statement that showed a loss of \$1600 in the water department.

Board chairman Oscar Vaughan declared the operating loss was of "grave concern" to all members and questioned the city clerk as to why the department was able to show a profit of \$700 in December and then suffer such an operating loss during the month of January.

City Clerk D.M. English told the board he had no idea why the department had experienced such a drastic turnaround in financial condition and following a lengthy discussion the board instructed the clerk to verify the figures presented at the meeting and relay the board's concern to the water superintendent in an effort to find out what caused the large operating loss.

All members were present at the monthly meeting, including chairman Oscar Vaughan, Waylon Sharpless, Jack Prescott, Gladys Yelverton and Mickey Murdock, and after the routine approval of minutes the members reviewed the bills presented for payment. The bills totaled \$21,768.83, an amount that was called a "staggering figure" by chairman Oscar Vaughan and further

review of the bills revealed the high total was due to the sandblasting of a water tank, the purchase of copper pipe and waterline extension.

A look at the departments showed the electric department operated at an eight percent loss of energy during the past month, while the water department reported a loss of 34.4 percent.

Other items reviewed included the rural water system, which continued to lose money and the sewer system, which simply drew a sigh from all members.

The Elba City School Board met Tuesday evening, but barely. Only three members were present of the five appointed. However, the three gave the board a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

Superintendent C.W. Crews presented a strong financial statement for the month, noting this was the time of year when the property taxes flow in and funds are built up to operate through the lean months of the year when very little income is received from the tax.

Ronald Morrow was present on behalf of the Elba Jaycees, requesting the use of the school campus for a circus on April 14. The matter was discussed, insurance requirements spelled out, etc., and safety of students in school assured. The board members agreed to give an answer in one week.

The child nutrition program was again a subject of discussion. Crews noted that an audit had been completed and some recommendations made that were already being put into place. Lunchroom managers will be giving more variety on vegetables with the addition of salads, etc.

Roland Powell, who oversees the lunchrooms, noted that no major recommendations for changing the menus were made. He said that

state officials did note that it was counterproductive to add nutritional foods to the menu if it was something the children wouldn't eat and only dumped into the garbage.

Questions by Mrs. Carol Laney and Mrs. Lucia Grantham concerning the feeding program were answered by either Crews or Powell.

A request for a candy sales campaign by the local SADD chapter was tabled until more information was available to the superintendent.

The present policy of paying teachers on the last working day of the month creates problems in December, according to Crews. He explained that school was usually out for the holidays about the 18th and the checks from the state didn't arrive until later. He said only in December was this a problem and informed the board he would be coming forward with a recommendation for changing the wording of the board policy.

## Council holds short meeting

The Elba City Council met Monday without Mayor Bob English who was fighting a virus and was home in bed. He returned to work Tuesday.

Very little business was on the agenda, with paying the bills being the only action taken by the council.

Police Chief John White reported to the council that his department had been busy, but with only one serious accident. "It is sad when one of our young people dies in an accident, and this did happen Friday," White said. He noted that the accident happened on an icy bridge and claimed the life of a

14-year-old girl. City Clerk Dud English read to the council portions of an existing set of regulations for trailer courts. No action was taken on this; however, council members brought up several additional questions concerning the regulations that no one was able to answer. The matter was tabled.

Bills totaling \$16,521.21 were approved for payment. The clerk noted that seven bills made up the majority of the total. They included equipment repairs, chemicals, telephone service and an annual payment for pest control in offices.

Welfare Reform Commission  
to hold forum in Enterprise

The Governor's Welfare Reform Commission will hold public forums in six Alabama cities during February and March to get public opinion on how the welfare system should be changed. The forums will be held in Selma, Enterprise, Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery and Decatur.

State Human Resources Commissioner Andy Hornsby said that the forums will be considered for inclusion in a welfare reform plan.

"People who wish to speak at these forums can be placed on an agenda by calling their county Department of Human Resources," said Hornsby.

This plan, which is expected to include significant changes in the welfare system, will be tested in selected Alabama counties, probably beginning in the fall of 1988. If these tests are successful, changes in the system may be implemented across the state.

Hornsby said that the Governor's Welfare Reform Commission and members of the Human Resources have already identified several areas of the current welfare system that should be changed or improved. These areas include:

---Inadequate work incentive

---High administrative costs

---Complexity of programs

---Encouragement of dependency

---Parents are not adequately held responsible for supporting children

All the public forums will be held from 4 - 7 p.m. Dates and locations include:

Feb. 18 - College Avenue Church of Christ, 211 W. College Ave., Enterprise

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POOR ORIGINAL



## BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

Last Friday during the cold, icy weather, we covered a wreck that claimed the life of a 14-year-old girl. During our career we have covered more car wrecks, shootings, airplane crashes, etc., than even we can begin to count, but they still are not pleasure trips. We have learned to clamp our jaw and accept it somewhat when an adult dies or is killed suddenly—but not the injury or death of a child. We dearly love children... ours, yours and those you saw on vacation, and we hurt every time one of them gets hurt. Picture, if you will, the hurt we were experiencing from this girl's death... one in which we know her parents and know she is (was) a top-notch girl with bushy hair, friends and a head full of smarts. Then realize she was buried in a dress, complete with corsage, that her parents had purchased for her to wear to the upcoming band dance. If those thoughts don't bring tears to your eyes and tear your guts loose and churn them around, well... well, you are made a whole lot different from this country boy.

The Alabama legislature is considering a bill to require the burning of automobile headlights in the rain. Many states already require this, and we have been surprised that Alabama hasn't made this move before. Neighboring states use this extra warning to motorists and we find ourselves doing it in Alabama already. Here is a bill that could save lives by warning oncoming motorists that we are coming, and it will not cost a thing.

We are continuing to monitor the local hospital situation from week to week. The bottom line is continuing good health for our citizens. We feel we are on solid ground by saying that city officials and the hospital board members feel the same way. They are also concerned about the well-being of the employees at the facility. We have feelings for those folks because of the unknown. They don't know what will happen next year, next month, next week—or even tomorrow, and frankly we don't know exactly what to say to them on this. Whatever happened between National Healthcare, the hospital authority, the city or another leasing firm... someone has got to be on board to operate the hospital and give quality care to our sick neighbors and personal care to the nursing home residents. There should be an extra star in the crown of those who suffer the mental strain of not having any idea of what the future holds.

We agree with Gov. Hunt's opening statement about not supporting more money for education until something is done about quality. However, when we get past that first sentence, we can branch out in 40 directions. While it is true we can't solve all our problems by throwing more money at them, we must also admit some of the problems could have been caused by a shortage of money. There have been cases of building monuments to someone instead of educating children. There are cases of extra staffing at various levels instead of hiring teaching specialists. Other things could be listed, but for education to get a whole lot better in our public schools, we are going to be forced to upgrade the P.U.B.L.I.C part of the description. When good teachers try to do more than get by until payday, they often suffer the wrath of defensive parents or worse—grossly uninformed parents who don't understand it or don't want to pay. Our parents must get out from in front of that tube or away from our expensive adult toys and instill in our children a desire to learn.

We were amused last week by a letter. Let's go back a bit. At the end of a city council meeting we agreed that the city shouldn't work on private property, but it was even worse to work on someone's property because we liked them, and not do it for others. Well, the case we cited for getting city help for dirt was strongly denied. We dropped the matter and didn't mention it again... until a receiver of the dirt came to this side of the story. Apparently he had been told we were putting on some pressure about the dirt work... in spite of the fact we were told it didn't happen. We know who loads the dirt, who owns the truck, etc., but to deny it to us and then tell the folks getting the service they are going to have to lie low kinda makes this country boy mad, mad, mad. However, if our city officials need the credit of us "watching them every move" to keep from breaking the law, then we will proudly wear that badge. We have people tell us almost every week that is the excuse they get for not doing something or other, along with reports of someone else getting dirt, sewers unstopped under houses or trailers, etc.

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## Job Placements Increase In State

In January job placements by the State Employment Service increased two percent over the same month a year ago.

According to officials of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, the State Employment Service found jobs for 5,817 Alabama workers through its network of 33 local offices.

In addition to its regular job placement function, the State Employment Service administers a number of special employment-related programs. Special programs include the National Job Bank System which provides nationwide exposure of employees' hard-to-fill jobs.

Each public employment office in the United States (more than 2,000) has a complete list of all hard-to-fill jobs within a few days after the openings are placed through local State Employment Service offices.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Dept. reported an active week with a total of 3 arrests (harassment - 2 and theft of property) and 2 traffic citations (driving without a license and driving on the wrong side of the road). Following are daily activity reports:

### TUESDAY, FEB. 2

Activity included a report of a prowler on Reese St. with a man chasing the prowler with a gun (1:04 p.m.) and a wreck at Simmons and Adkinson (5:07 p.m.).

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

Activity included a wreck at Simmons and Adkinson (3:12 p.m.).

### THURSDAY, FEB. 4

Routine activity reported.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 5

Activity included a wreck on County Road 21 (11:24 a.m.) and a wreck on the Beaver Dam Creek bridge (12:18 p.m.).

### SATURDAY, FEB. 6

Activity included a wreck on Taylor Mill Road and Highland Drive (4:18 a.m.), a disturbance on Caroline St. (12:59 p.m.), a house fire on 125 North (1:35 p.m.) and a fight at a residence on West St. (8:47 p.m.).

### SUNDAY, FEB. 7

Activity included a report of a subject with a gun in Kennedy Estates (7:39 p.m.).

### MONDAY, FEB. 8

Activity included a theft at the post office (6:36 a.m.) and a wreck at Jones and Adams (4:12 p.m.).

## OBITUARIES

**BROOKE RENEE DAUGHERTY**  
Brooke Renee Daugherty, age 14, of Elba, died Friday, Feb. 5, 1988, from injuries received in an automobile accident in Elba.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Kirkland officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes directing.

## USDA Amends

**Regulations Concerning Additional Peanuts**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has amended regulations governing contact additional peanuts so that handlers can fulfill their export obligations without undue hardship.

Handlers of contract additional peanuts operating under nonphysical supervision may, subject to certain conditions, obtain credit against their export obligations by crushing sound mature and sound split peanut kernels. Export credit will be obtained by crushing the peanuts for oil for disposition in domestic or export markets.

Previously, handlers of contract additional peanuts were required to export all sound mature and sound split kernels and were allowed to crush only kernels of lesser quality.

The peanut program regulations were amended to provide handlers with an alternative market for sound mature and sound split kernels when the export market is lost by the handler of the peanuts because ineligible for export due to aflatoxin contamination.

The public is invited to submit comments about the interim rule or before Feb. 29. Comments should be sent to: Director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, USDA-ASCS, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013. Comments will be available for public inspection in Room 5750-S of USDA's South Building during business hours.

Contact: John C. Ryan (202) 447-6788.

**Bulletin Board**  
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ROTARY CLUB - Mon. Noon - 7 p.m. Ye Old Hickory Pk.  
EASTERN STAR - 2nd & 4th Thur. 7 p.m.  
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - Ye Old Hickory Pk.  
JAYCEES - 1st & 3rd Thur. 7 p.m. Beaver Dam Restaurant  
CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mon. 5 p.m.  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. Beaver Dam Rest.  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thur. 8 p.m. Supr. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
BO SCOUTS - Mon. 7 p.m. Over old City Hall.  
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Survivors include her parents: Claude Donald and Janice Daugherty, Elba; one brother: Chuck Donald Daugherty, Elba.

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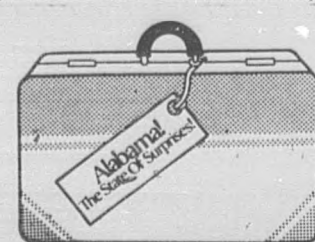
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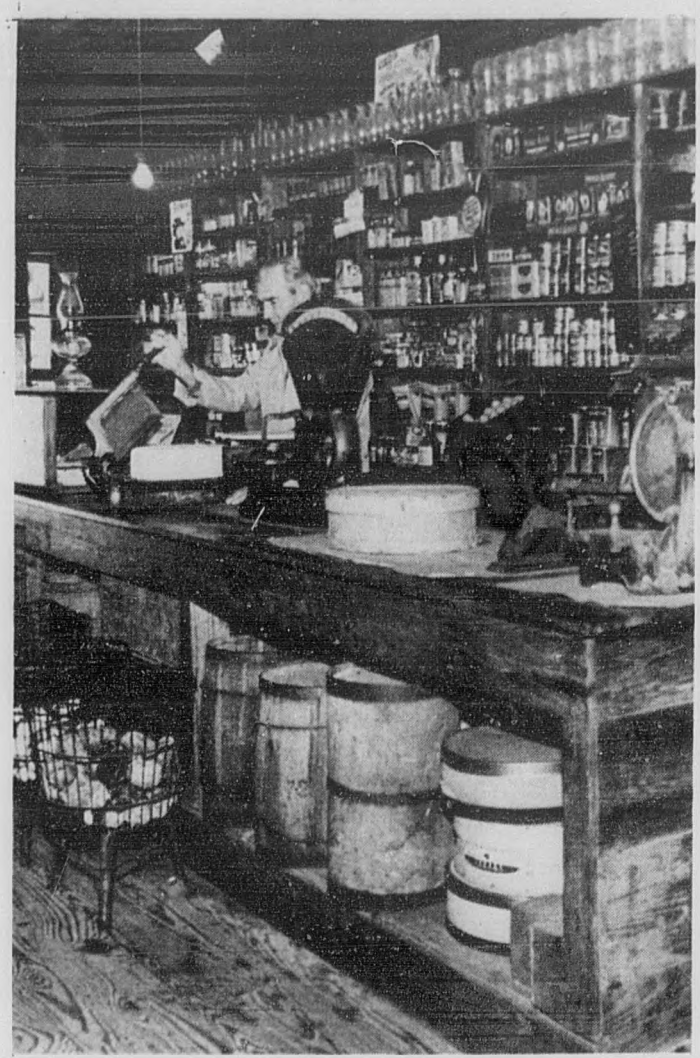
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## Alabama Traveler

### Pike Pioneer Museum



Current Farmer, founder/director, Pike Pioneer Museum, Troy, is cutting hoop cheese at the country store. This general merchandise store of 60 years ago, is open to the public and displays most items sold during that era.

TROY, Ala.—Two twinkling eyes peer out of a face crisscrossed with the lines of time like the soft leather cover of an old Bible. It is a kind and friendly face, the mask to an energetic soul that is ever ready to open up with a story to anyone it greets.

"I bet you young people have never seen one of these," pipes the voice behind the face. It is Curran Farmer, founder of the Pike Pioneer Museum, giving one of his daily tours of the museum he founded nearly 20 years ago. Farmer gestures to a stereoscope, a 19th-century contraption which resembles binoculars mounted on one end of a stick with postcards at the other end. "In the old days, this is what people looked at for entertainment instead of T.V. or movies," he explains as he encourages one of the "young" people, a 32-year-old woman, to look through the stereoscope.

Farmer takes obvious delight in his collection of more than 4,000 objects from Alabama's rural past. Most of the objects came from Pike County and surrounding counties. They serve as vivid reminders of how farmers and their families went about their daily lives before modernization transformed their habits.

One long, low display case protects samples of the delicate handwork of rural women. Here, the craftsmanship of their embroidery and tatting is preserved as a testimony to long hours of diligence and patience.

The museum reflects nearly every aspect of rural living with displays of the obsolete objects that were employed in the necessities of day to day life. And Farmer is ready to tell how each and every object was used.

One area contains objects used in the preparation of food; another exhibits objects related to the dairy. The laundry area includes the old heavy irons that housewives heated in the fire before pressing their clothes.

Farmer points to a metal object that resembles a cross between a waffle iron and a curling iron. "That's a fluting iron," he explains to a group of curious onlookers who are probably wondering what in the world the thing was used for. "Women used that to press the pleats in their ruffled collars and cuffs," he says as he gestures to a delicate ruffled collar nearby.

The group wanders from the household exhibits to the farm area where rows of plows, bridges and saddles, cultivators and planters illustrate man's battle with the good earth. One continuous war the pioneer farmer waged was against the boll weevil, an insect that could devastate a cotton crop.

Farmer recites the history of the struggle against the pesky insect and explains the various methods tried to eradicate it. One was the invention of a mule-drawn cart equipped with a cage and laden with kerosene. The cart was pulled between rows of cotton plants and shook the plants to loosen the weevils. The weevils would fall into the kerosene and die.

If the farmer won his war against the boll weevil, he was left with the task of ginning the cotton and extracting the seed. Farmer seems to know all about this process as he leads the tour group through a section of the museum devoted to cotton production. Here, the group sees the weighing devices, ginning devices and the massive screw press used to

form bales of cotton.

No aspect of 19th-century and early 20th-century rural life is left uninterpreted at the Pike Pioneer Museum. Along one wall are all the tools and equipment a pioneer may have used to manufacture necessities, from turpentine to moonshine.

Visitors turn a corner to face a huge printing press. Farmer informs the listeners that this is a Chandler and Price letterpress—the type used to print weekly newspapers in the 1930s.

Farmer turns to the visitors and says, "Now, let's go outside and I'll show you the types of houses these people lived in." As he leads the visitors out of the main building, he adds, "We've even got an old jail out back to show you how the criminals lived."

The houses are a tenant house and a log house. The tiny tenant house is typical of the structures tenant farmers called home during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Its primitive interior walls are papered with the pages of newspapers, a technique practiced by the early tenant farmers to keep out the draft which would blow through the board and batten walls. Behind the house is a privy, or as Farmer calls it, "an authentic pioneer comfort station."

The other house, a two-pen split log house, was originally located in the rural area of Pike County. It was dismantled and carefully reconstructed at the museum site. It has only two rooms separated by a dog trot, an open hallway without walls at either end. The dog trot was a common feature of the rural house where the family slept.

Another building which was moved to the museum is a country store crammed full of merchandise from the 1920s. The wooden shelves are piled high with everything a rural family might need, from bolts of pink and yellow cotton dress fabric to tins of snuff and chewing tobacco. Outside stands an old lead gasoline pump, the hand-operated, gravity-fed type that was prevalent years ago.

Ending the tour, Farmer encourages the visitors to stop by the gift shop and to take a look at the picnic area which is shaded by tall pine trees. Eventually the visitors depart, taking with them a new-found understanding of Alabama's rural history and a deep appreciation of modern conveniences.

Pike Pioneer Museum is located on Highway 231 north of Troy and is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For more information, write to the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel, Dept. AT, 525 S. Perry St., Montgomery, AL 36104.

—Ami Simpson

## Peanut Meeting Set

Dallas Hartzog, peanut specialist from Headland, will be one of the speakers at the peanut meeting on February 16 at 6:30 at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Dallas will be covering peanut production in general.

Appearing on the program with Dallas will be John Everett to cover the situation on weed control. There is still a question on what chemicals we will have available to use this year on peanuts. So it is important to get the very latest information from John.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about peanut production for 1988.

By: Dan J. Presley  
County Agent-Coordinator

## HOSPITAL REPORT

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of February 2 through 8 include the following:

Barbara Turner, Mary King, Effie Morris, Hazel Lee, Charlotte Blackmon, Alfred Seymore, Pearl Armstrong, Callie Car, Michelle Tinsley, William Powell, Archie Caldwell.

Those discharged during the same period of time include:

Hillard Allen, Claude Marler, Ruth Harrison, Dretta Allen, Robert Donaldson, Hazel Lee, Mary King, Annie L. Kelley, Muriel Butler, Barbara Turner, Effie Morris, Stephen Powell, Ruby Gray, Robin Kyle.

## Nursing Exam To Be Given At McArthur

The Pre-Entrance Nursing Exam for Douglas MacArthur State Technical College will be given Wednesday, February 17, at 1 p.m. in the nursing building.

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## Country Concert To Open Rattlesnake Rodeo

A Rattlin' Country Concert will be among the highlights at this year's Opp Jaycee Rattlesnake Rodeo which climaxes March 5th and 6th in Opp, Alabama.

The concert, set for Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m., will feature famous country singers Earl Thomas Conley and Leon Everette and is expected to draw a record crowd of thousands according to the Jaycees.

It will follow a full day's activities at Chanell-Lee Stadium including snake shows, arts and crafts, a sky diving exhibition, greased pole climb, a buck dance contest, live bands and much more.

"We have geared everything for good, wholesome family fun at an affordable price," stated Jaycee president Jay Mikel.

Among the other events will be a beauty pageant to select this year's Rattlesnake Queen. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship or a \$200 cash alternate award. A Princess Pageant for second grade girls is also on the agenda with savings bonds of \$20, \$100 and \$50 going to the winners.

An antique car show, road run, parade, bingo game, prayer meeting, snake races, and a city-wide auction will also be among the events during the two week rodeo.

Those wishing more information may call toll free 1-800-239-8054 (in Alabama), or 1-800-334-9769 (ext. 812) out of the state. Tickets for the concert may be ordered via check or money order from "The Opp Jaycees," P.O. Box 596, Opp, Alabama 36667.

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# Sports

## Views From

### The Pressbox

By, Ricky Mularz

The winter weather that blew in Friday played havoc with the local sports scene and all the basketball games in the county were either canceled or postponed, which took a huge bite out of my usual sports news. I haven't been around snow enough to know if I like it or not, but when the snow mixes with sleet and rain, I have a definite opinion -- I don't like it one bit!

#### ELBA TIGERS BEGIN TO WIND DOWN DISAPPOINTING SEASON

The Elba Tigers will wrap up another basketball season next week and unless the Tigers do an abrupt about-face, they will suffer their second straight losing season. The Tigers saw their record dip to 5-11 last week with a lopsided loss to Enterprise and with two very tough regular season games left and an area tourney bout left against a Louisville team that has already beaten Elba twice -- the Tigers will have to pull off a major upset to improve on last season's 5-15 record.

Elba fans knew going into the season that it could be a long year on the court; however, I don't think anyone thought the Tigers would struggle like they have and suffer another disaster like that of a year ago. The Tigers started only two seniors this season and only one was a returnee, which caused an obvious lack of experience, and despite the losing season, the players have never given up, and battled as hard as they could until the final buzzer in every game all season. I'm not giving up on the Tigers yet and still have hope that they'll put it all together and win a couple of games in the area and advance on to sub-state; however, even if they do fall in the remaining games and end up with only five wins, we'll all know that the players gave it all they had and didn't give up without a battle.

#### COUNTY TEAMS PREPARE FOR STRETCH DRIVE

The regular season ends Friday night for all the high school basketball teams in the county and as always that means that it's "tournament time," a time that all cage fans look forward to each and every year. What's going to happen? I don't know, but here is what I expect to see as I make the rounds next week...

**\*\*\*New Brockton -** The Gamecocks appear to have a cakewalk through the area tournament as they have a combined record of 8-0 against the other three teams in the field. New Brockton has junked its deliberate style of play in recent week for a more wide-open, run-and-gun style, and if they'll keep piling up the points another trip to the state tournament could be ahead. Goshen appears to be the most likely team to move on as the runner-up in the area since it has easily beaten both Zion Chapel and Highland Home, but don't count out either the Rebels or the Flying Squadron.

**\*\*\*Kinston -** The Bulldogs have struggled ever since getting off to a 4-0 start and unless a miracle happens the "Dogs" will post their first losing season ever under Coach Pete Kelley. Kinston has tradition and was in a similar position last year when it stunned Brantley in the area tourney and then went on to make it to state, so it can be done; however, this time around it seems unlikely since undefeated Brantley is lying straight ahead -- and you know that the Brantley players still remember last year's season-ending loss. If Kinston wasn't playing Brantley I'd probably pick it to make it to sub-state, but such is not the case, and it looks like the end is near in '88 for the Bulldogs.

#### ELBA FOOTBALL BANQUET IS ENJOYABLE, AS ALWAYS

The Elba Tiger football team was honored last week with its annual football banquet and since I've been to the banquet 18 straight years I feel like I can say it was just as good as ever! The seniors all received plaques that included a team photo and a roster of all the players, and the remaining players all received plaques that will no doubt go on the wall with a great deal of pride. At Elba, Coach Wood never gives anyone special trophies because of his belief that in a team sport there can be no one most valuable player, and I think the practice makes the team closer because the other players couldn't help but be a little resentful of the one who got the most awards. Anyway -- the steaks were good, the speeches short and the fellowship great!

## It's "Tournament Time" For All County Teams

It will be "Tournament Time" across the state of Alabama next week and for Coffee County basketball fans it will be a chance to see a choice of three Area tournaments all scheduled to be played in the county. The Class 3A Tournament will be played at the Elba High School gym with a total of four teams competing for the right to advance to sub-state action. The tourney will begin on Thursday night, Feb. 18 at 6:00 when the Clayton Tigers battle the Daleville Warhawks and will be followed at 7:30 by the clash between the Elba Tigers and Louisville Red Devils. The tourney finals are set for Friday night, Feb. 19, at 7:00.

The Class 1A, Area 4 tournament will be held at the Kinston High School gym and will also feature a total of 4 teams in the boys' division and two teams in the girls' division. The action will tipoff on Tuesday night, Feb. 16 with two games on tap. In the opener at 6:00 the Dexter Tigers will oppose the Pleasant Home Eagles and in the nightcap at 7:30 it will be the Kinston Bulldogs battling the top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs. The girls' final between Kinston and Pleasant Home will be Friday night, Feb. 19, at 6:00 and will be followed by the boys' final at 7:30.

The Class 2A, Area 5 tourney will be played at New Brockton High School and like the other tournaments a total of four teams will be competing. The tourney will start on Tuesday, Feb. 16 with the Zion Chapel Rebels and Goshen Eagles meeting in the 6:00 opener, to be followed by the clash between the New Brockton Gamecocks and Highland Home Flying Squadron at 7:30. The tourney finals will be on Friday night at 7:00.



Elba's Dax Leandro (10) and Robert Wilson (22) play during recent Tiger action. Elba will host next week's Area 4 tournament.

## BASKETBALL REPORT

#### Brantley - 82 Dexter - 64

The Brantley Bulldogs made it 15 wins in a row last Tuesday night when they pounded county-rival Dexter 82-64. The Bulldogs got off to a fast start in the Area 4 battle and the 1-2 punch of Wesley Person and Aubrey Wiley to take command.

Wiley poured in 25 points to pace the Bulldogs, while Person added 23 and LeBron Upshaw scored 17. Scoring sensation Terry Daniels led Dexter with 40 points.

#### Opp - 81 Kinston - 38

The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind early and could never catch up Tuesday night as they were blasted by the Opp Bobcats 81-38. In Opp, Richard Moore poured in 22 points to lead the Bobcats, while Jackie Stoudemire added 17 and Les

#### Sanders scored 15, Todd Hawthorne scored 20 points for the Bulldogs, which fell to 7-11 with the defeat.

#### Florida - 79 Zion Chapel - 59

The Florida Wildcats led all the way to outscore the Zion Chapel Rebels 79-59, Tuesday night at the Wildcat Gym.

Florida, which improved its record to 14-3 with the win, was led in scoring by Carl Wilson with 15 points, while Kelvin Purdie added 12. Scotty Lee scored 18 points for the Rebels and Calvin Newsome added 12. Trif Rebels saw their slide dip to 5-14 with the loss.

#### New Brockton - 77 Straughn - 49

The New Brockton Gamecocks upped their record to a sparkling 19-3 Tuesday night by ripping the Straughn Tigers 77-49, at Straughn.

Neither team could take charge in the opening stanza, but the Gamecocks began to take command in the second quarter behind the three-point shooting of Jeffery Davis and Rocky Head and went in at the half with a 34-20 bulge. Malcolm Knox dominated inside the third quarter as the New Brockton lead ballooned to 54-36 and the Gamecocks reserves came in late to mop up the win. Malcolm Knox scored 23 points to lead New Brockton, while Rocky Head added 13 along with Stanley Foster. Robert Kilow added 11 and other New Brockton scorers included Tony James 6, Jeffery Davis 6, David Barentine 4, and Louis Page 1. Tom Staley led Straughn with 14 points. New Brockton made it a clean sweep as the Gamecock B Team upped its record to 16-3 with a 62-42 win over Straughn. Todd Boland scored 15 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Kenny Gibson added 13, Marty Myers 12 and Rodney Hawkins 11. Other scorers were Chris Turner 7, Cary Gouge 4, and Howe 1. Jason Self led Straughn with 13 points.

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## Elba Umpires Association Seeks New Members

The Elba Umpires Association is now seeking new members to umpire baseball and softball during the upcoming season. Members of the association umpire all baseball and

softball games in Elba and also umpire softball tournaments throughout south Alabama. All members are required to attend clinics and meetings during the season and will also be required to pass a national umpire test in both sports.

#### Andalusia Sports

#### Festival Set For March 26

Organizers of the event have set March 26, 1988 as the date for the Andalusia Sports Festival. The Andalusia Sports Festival consists of a Biathlon (10K Run plus 20K Bicycle Race) beginning at 9 a.m., and 18-hole Scramble-Shotgun Start Golf Tournament with 4-man teams beginning at 9 a.m., a single and doubles Tennis Tournament and a Softball Tournament. All events will be held at Lartien B. Wallace Junior College.

Awards and trophies will be given to the winners of each event. Information brochures and registration forms may be picked up at any Harco Super Drug location.

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**TIGER SENIORS**... (L-R): Head Coach Mack Wood, Troy Sanders, Jason Hodge, Jason Johnson, Gappa Wise, Chris Fleming, Troy Kelley, Farrel Dorsey, Bobby Bowden, Joe McCollough, Robert Wilson and Keith Rodgers.



**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**... (L-R): Jeanie Clark, Martha Tice, Michelle Thigpen, Michelle Free, Melanie Moore, Lisa Lindsey and Mandy Ham. The cheerleaders were honored at last week's Athletic Awards Banquet sponsored by the Elba Athletic Club.

## Student-Athletes Involved In Football & Cheerleading At Elba High School Honored

The student-athletes involved in the sports of football and cheerleading at Elba High School were honored Thursday night, Feb. 4, when the Elba Athletic Club sponsored its annual Football Awards Banquet at the Elba High School cafeteria.

Head Coach Mack Wood welcomed the large gathering to the event and then began the night of awards by presenting a plaque to Athletic Club president Dr. Billy Farris in behalf of the club and in appreciation for the work done during the season.

Cheerleader sponsors Pearl Amison and Lynn Cook praised the efforts of the cheerleading squad and stated that this year's squad "was one of the best ever at Elba High!" All members of the squad received plaques, including Melanie Moore, Michelle Thigpen, Lisa Lindsey, Mandy Ham, Michelle Free, Jeanie Clark, Anna Smith and Martha Tice. Assistant coaches Rick Rainer, Neil Henderson and Mike Harrelson presented plaques to the underclassmen on the 1987 Tiger football team, and each coach spoke briefly about the individual players and the season.

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Following are highlights of last week's action:

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But our sins always found us out. They were revealed at bedtime when Mama got the sagebrush broom and decided, as always, to "sweep up just a little". The tiny grains were then brought from their hiding places behind the bed frame's legs or in the rough floor's cracks, and they were swept, along with the camouflaging dirt, into the ashes

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## FROM OUR EARLY FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 16, 1978

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\*\*\*Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Quartermaster Jeffrey H. Windham has reported for duty aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Blackhorn, homeported at Galveston, Tex. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Windham of Elba. A 1977 graduate of Elba High School, he joined the Coast Guard in December of 1977.

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\*\*\*Black and Gold Review: Five young ladies from Elba recently attended a National Barter Twirling Contest in Calera and brought back 18 trophies. They were Sherri Donaldson, age 15; Lori Fudge - 7; Vonda Marler - 13; Krysti Owens - 7; Kim Parrish - 14; Tasha Lindsey, 4, of Troy also attended.

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\*\*\*Winners in the Beef Cookoff for Coffee County are 1st - Susan Nobles, Kinston; 2nd - Lavanna Hocutt - Elba; 3rd - Gail Varney, Enterprise.

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## Leather Demonstration To Be Held At HRDC Today

A representative of Tandy Leather Company of Montgomery, Ms. Sandra Sneed, will be at the HRDC building on Simmons Street today, Feb. 11, at 1 p.m. to present a demonstration on leather craft.

Mr. Weyman Snipes, inmate

from the Elba Work Release Center, a leather craftsman, will be present to assist in the demonstration. Anyone interested in beginning classes in leathercraft is asked to contact Merle Boling, director of HRDC, at 897-2667.

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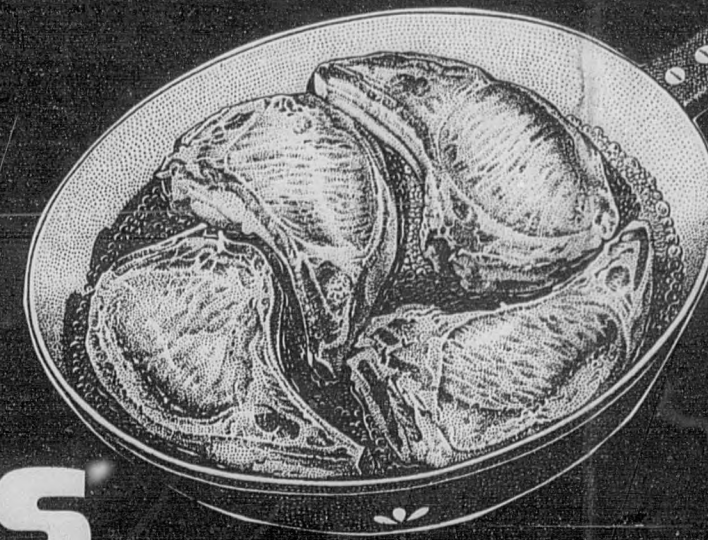
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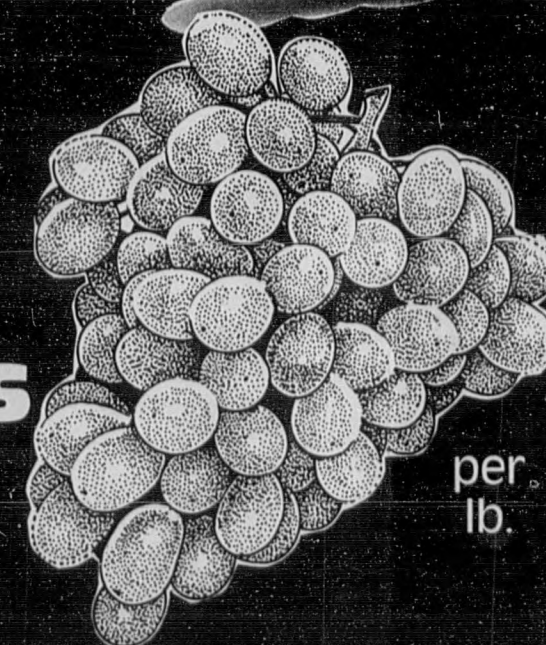
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Perhaps the thing we did most often on long childhood winter nights was pop the corn that we had grown in fields during heated summer months. We popped it for eating plain, with salt or melted butter from the cow. And we popped it for making popcorn balls using the molasses Grandpa had cooked down at the syrup mill. But before the popping came the shucking in the barn and the shelling by the fire. My brother and I always pretended to do a good job, gathering the scattered grains and tossing them outside to be pecked next day by shivering, wind-tossed hens.

But our sins always found us out. They were revealed at bedtime when Mama got the sagebrush broom and decided, as always, to "sweep up just a little". The tiny grains were then brought from their hiding places behind the bed frame's legs or in the rough floor's cracks, and they were swept, along with the camouflaging dirt, into the ashes

underneath the bed. For just

a little while the secret lay, unknown, from Dad's dim eyes. But once grown hot, they made their presence known. The exploding corn popped out everywhere - like a cannon suddenly gone wild. The fluffy grains landed on the churning lid so near, in Dad's brooms by the wall, and on the pillow where the bed was turned back. They told the world how we had shirked and only halfway done our job. Somehow the fun we had, and the things we learned, around the fireplace long ago became the basis for the things worthwhile in life. It makes me wonder if the children who now must get their winter fun from video cassettes will get their basic values from the tapes as well.

Leather Demonstration To Be Held At HRDC Today

A representative of Tandy Leather Company of Montgomery, Ms. Sandra Sneed, will be at the HRDC building on Simmons Street today, Feb. 11, at 1 p.m. to present a demonstration on leather craft.

Mr. Weyman Snipes, inmate

from the Elba Work Release Center, a leather craftsman, will be present to assist in the demonstration. Anyone interested in beginning classes in leathercraft is asked to contact Merle Boling, director of HRDC, at 897-2667.

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I KNEW you didn't love me!

## FROM OUR EARLY FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 16, 1978

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Thaniel Carr were honored with a surprise birthday party on Sunday, Feb. 5, given by their children. Their birthdays were Feb. 3 and 4.

\*\*\*Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Quartermaster Jeffrey H. Windham has reported for duty aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Blackhorn, homeported at Galveston, Tex. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Windham of Elba. A 1977 graduate of Elba High School, he joined the Coast Guard in December of 1977.

\*\*\*Kathy Bowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burin Bowers of Rt. 5, Elba, was among the December graduating class of the University of Alabama. She graduated from the School of Home Economics with a Bachelor of Science in Retailing and equivalent minor in General Business.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. York announce the engagement of their daughter Candace Elizabeth to Mark Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack David Vaughn of Elba. The wedding will be May 3 at 3 in the Heritage Baptist Church in Montgomery.

\*\*\*Black and Gold Review: Five young ladies from Elba recently attended a National Barrow Twirling Contest in Calera and brought back 18 trophies. They were Sherri Donaldson, age 15; Lori Fudge - 7; Vonda Marler - 13; Krysti Owens - 7; Kim Parrish - 14; Tasha Lindsey, 4, of Troy also attended.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 15, 1968

\*\*\*Winners in the Beef Cookoff for Coffee County are 1st - Susan Nobles, Kinston; 2nd - Lavanna Hocutt - Elba; 3rd - Gail Varney, Enterprise.

\*\*\*Ellis Dwyer Brazelton, age 59, died Sunday night, with funeral services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday from the Elba Methodist Church, with Dr. T.S. Harris officiating. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Anyce Brazelton, a son, Bill Brazelton, a daughter, Joanne Brazelton; three brothers, three sisters.

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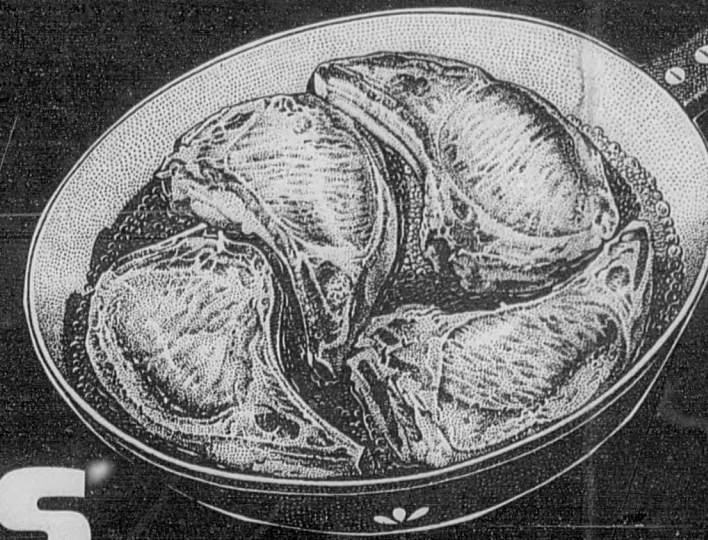
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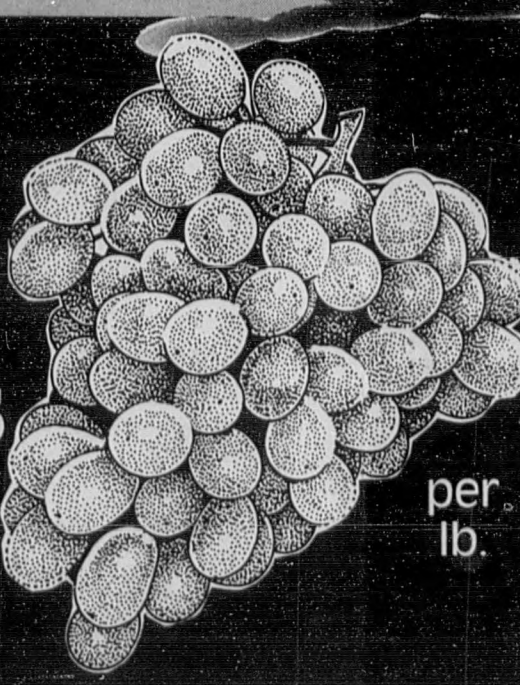
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COLORED BACKGROUND

## 19 apprehended at rural rumble

What began as an argument over a 15-year-old girl between two teenage boys apparently escalated into a possible "gang fight" over the weekend before officials from the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. arrived at the scene of the planned fight and apprehended 17 juveniles, two 18-year-olds and numerous weapons.

According to a spokesman for the Sheriff's Dept., a caller notified the department on Saturday morning, Feb. 13, that two large groups of boys were planning a fight behind the old Goodman School at approximately 3 p.m. that day.

The fight apparently started over a 15-year-old girl and grew into what authorities called a "gang fight" when both boys involved talked friends into helping solve the problem.

Sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene hours before the planned fight and stationed an unmarked car behind the school, two marked cars near a road leading to the school and a second unmarked car near another road near the school.

Deputies noticed three white males entering the school yard on foot early in the afternoon, and when the males recognized the deputies they reportedly broke and ran from the scene. The youths were easily caught and upon search it was discovered that one of the three had a martial arts weapon in his possession.

Later in the day deputies saw a group of vehicles gathering at a church near the Goodman Community, and after blocking the vehicles' escape, searched the occupants of the vehicles and then the vehicles.

The search of the vehicles and the occupants of other vehicles later arriving at the scene turned up weapons that included a .25 automatic pistol, a .22 revolver, homemade and professionally made nightsticks, numerous martial arts weapons, hunting knives and pocket knives, pipe, brass knuckles, a butcher steel and other homemade weapons.

Authorities reported they apprehended 17 juveniles, which were later released to their parents awaiting juvenile action, and arrested two males, both age 18.

Those arrested were identified as Robert Lee Stewart, age 18, of New Brockton, charged with possession of a firearm without first obtaining a permit, and Russell D. Mayo, age 18, of Rt. 1, Enterprise, who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

## Funding may hold key for countywide EMA

The need for a countywide emergency management agency was discussed last week during a meeting of area officials at the Coffee County Farm Center at New Brockton, and while all in attendance agreed on the need for such an agency, the method of funding the agency drew varied responses from those present.

Danny Cooper, director of the state Emergency Management Agency, told officials at the Thursday, Feb. 11, meeting that a minimum salary for a county director would be \$18,000, with \$2,500 for travel expenses, and from that amount the state would allocate \$6,100 to the county based on its population, with the county being expected to fund the remainder of the expense.

Elba's Mayor Bob English stated he felt the county should pick up half of the remaining salary and then let the cities pay the remainder of the salary based on a population basis.

"If the county is going to have a county agency, it should work for the entire county," said Mayor English, "and the only way such a working plan will be realized is to let both the county and the cities share in the funding for the position."

**VANDALS HIT REALTORS...** Elba policeman Randy White and local real estate broker Marvin Robins look at real estate signs discovered last week under a bridge on Highway 203. The signs were from three county realtors and all were slightly damaged before being dumped under the bridge.

## Severe Weather Week Feb. 22-26

Gov. Guy Hunt, in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, has proclaimed Feb. 22 - 26 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Alabama.

Alabama experienced a relatively light year for tornadoes in 1987 with only 7 tornadoes and 1 death - far below the average of 21 tornadoes and 8 deaths per year. However, the state has experienced some of the most deadly and devastating tornadoes in the nation and still ranks 5th among all states in average number of tornado deaths. Also, lightning and flash floods continued as significant severe weather killers during 1987.

Severe Weather Awareness Week will allow Alabamians to focus on and to increase their knowledge of how to protect themselves from severe weather events such as tornadoes, thunderstorms, flash floods and lightning. All schools, hospitals, businesses, shopping complexes and other large organizations should have a plan of action and know how to react quickly.

Individual citizens are encouraged to take a moment to review their own personal plan of action while at home, work, or play. Also now is a good time to organize spotter networks and to refresh present spotter training.

A statewide tornado drill is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24. In the event of bad weather on that day, the drill will be rescheduled for the 25th or 26th, or as conditions permit. On the day of the drill, a "tornado watch" will first be issued, followed later by a "tornado warning." Both will be clearly labeled as "test" only.

Special releases will be transmitted on the Alabama NOAA Weather Wire during Awareness Week. The Alabama Emergency Management Agency, in cooperation with the National Weather Service, will hold press conferences during Awareness Week in Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville and Mobile.

For more information locally call Montgomery, south central/southeast Alabama - 832-7340.

## Unemployment rate dips in county

The Alabama Department of Industrial Relations has released its monthly unemployment report for all counties in the state, and the latest figures revealed that Coffee County's unemployment rate for the month of December had dropped to 5.7 percent, a drop of 2 percent from the previous month and a drastic drop of nearly four points from a year ago.

The estimates, which were prepared by the state department, and with assistance from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, showed that in Coffee County in December, 1987, only 990 of a work force of 17,380 persons were without work. A year ago the county had an unemployment rate of 9.5 percent and the latest figures showed the continual improving work picture in the local area.

Following are comparisons of other counties and their unemployment figures:

	December 1987	Preliminary Unemployment Data	
Bullock	13.2	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Butler	8.7	13.9	18.7
Coffee	5.7	8.8	11.0
Conecuh	12.0	5.9	9.5
Covington	12.0	12.6	19.5
Crenshaw	9.5	7.4	10.3
Dale	6.8	8.6	9.5
Geneva	5.2	7.5	8.7
Henry	6.1	5.8	7.5
Houston	5.0	6.3	7.9
Jefferson	5.6	4.7	7.7
Mobile	9.2	5.8	8.0
Montgomery	6.0	9.1	10.7
Pike	6.3	6.3	7.4
		6.0	9.1

Elba Postmaster W.J. "Bill" Bullard announced this week that in order to meet recent federal regulations the Elba Post Office will make several changes that will affect customer service.

The changes, scheduled to go into effect on Feb. 20, 1988, include making window service available from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturdays, and from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. during weekdays.

No window service will be offered to customers prior to 8:30 a.m. either in person or by telephone, and there will no longer be opening of post office boxes for customers.

The final change is that anyone wishing locations of postal patrons within the Elba delivery area will be charged \$1 per inquiry.

"The Postal Service must comply with the Budget Law passed in 1987," stated Postmaster Bullard, "and in the law the service was ordered to pay the Congress \$1.245 billion prior to Oct. 1, 1989."

"Because of the cutbacks mandated it is necessary for the Elba Post Office to cut back a total of four hours per week of customer service."

"While many post offices are simply cutting their window service by four hours a week, I feel the changes listed above will enable the post office to meet the regulations and at the same time continue to give the customers the window service they need."

## Cutbacks announced at Elba Post Office

## Motor Carrier Safety Unit in state releases figures for 1987

The Alabama Dept. of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Safety Unit inspected 7,698 commercial drivers and vehicles during its first year of operations, according to Col. Thomas Wells, Public Safety Director. The inspection program is designed to reduce the number and severity of accidents involving commercial vehicles.

In addition to inspecting vehicles and drivers for safety, MCSAP officers take part in workshops, seminars and other educational programs regarding requirements of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Act of 1986.

Operational since April, 1987, MCSAP is made up of 37 specially trained state troopers assigned to nine teams throughout Alabama. Vehicle and driver violations, including out-of-service violations, issued through December, 1987, are detailed below:

## Mrs. Gore to visit Coffee

## County Feb. 20

Mrs. Tipper Gore, the wife of Democratic presidential candidate Albert Gore, will be visiting Coffee County this weekend when she will be guest of honor at a reception on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m. at The Lobby Restaurant in Enterprise.

Everyone is invited to come out and meet Mrs. Gore.

## Leukemia Movealong set for March 26

Mr. Eddie Vaughan has been named 1988 Leukemia Movealong chairman in Elba.

The weekend event is set for March 26 when bicyclists, runners, joggers and walkers will participate in the community event to benefit the Alabama chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

Proceeds will be used toward finding the cure for leukemia - the number one killer disease of children.

Vaughan says details will be provided at a later date.

Enterprise councilman Dr. John Lester remarked that since the program would be countywide the county should pay all remaining expenses, and told those present that if the county funded the program it would make a long term commitment toward the agency and such a commitment would insure the agency's success.

The City of Enterprise currently has an emergency management director that reportedly carries the title of county director, but at the meeting more than one official reported that as long as the agency stays the way it is now the rest of the county will receive little aid unless a disaster occurs.

"Emergency management is something you don't need unless you have a tornado, flood or some type disaster," said state director Cooper, "but you can't wait until something happens and then run out and hire one!"

## County School Board approves 'Saturday Detention Program'

The Coffee County Board of Education met in regular monthly session on Monday, Feb. 8, at board headquarters in Elba and approved plans for the implementation of a "Saturday Detention Program" at all schools in the county system.

The program, which was recently begun at Elba High School, will be implemented as an alternative to actual school suspension and will enable students to attend regular classes while being reprimanded by school officials.

County Supt. Clayton Bryant explained that the program would take the place of normal suspension and allow students guilty of minor rule violations to be punished, while at the same time being allowed to attend classes. If the Saturday program is not effective or if a student fails to attend the school program, actual suspension may occur.

In other action at the monthly meeting, the board:

- \*\*\*was informed that the recent audit of the system by the state revealed no major problems;
- \*\*\*accepted the resignation of Kinston football coach Rick Moody;
- \*\*\*agreed to apply for federal funding for the Indian education program;
- \*\*\*heard an update on construction projects at county schools;
- \*\*\*was told meeting had been held to explain the upcoming AIDS classes set for all schools across the state; and,
- \*\*\*was told plans had been submitted for the construction of a new building to house dining and physical education facilities at New Brockton Elementary School.

## Coffee County Young Democrats to meet Feb. 23

The Coffee County Chapter of the Alabama Young Democrats will meet Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of The Peoples Bank in Elba.

Anyone between 18 and 36 years of age who is interested in the Democratic Party is invited.

Speaker will be District Judge Thomas Head.

For more information, for anyone planning to attend, call 897-3304.



**SANDERS MAKES IT OFFICIAL...** Elba football player Troy Sanders made it official last week that he would become a member of the Florida State Seminoles when he signed a national letter of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Sanders was heavily recruited by Florida State as well as SEC schools Auburn and Mississippi State, but chose the Seminoles and last week made it official. Pictured (seated, L-R): his mother, Charlene Sanders, Troy; his father, Larry Sanders, and standing, Elba football coach Mack Wood.